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SUBJECT: INVITATION TO DIPLOMATIC CORPS IN

COLOMBIA TO VISIT PANAMA

1 AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS ON AUGUST 23, THE PANAMAIAN AMBASSADOR ISSUED AN INVITATION TO ALL THE CHIEFS OF MISSION TO SPEND A WEEKEND IN PAMAMA. HE EXPLAINED THAT THE TRIP WOULD INCLUDE A NUMBER OF FEATURES, I.E. RECREATION, SHOPPING, AND ACQUIRING A KNOWLEDGE OF THE COUNTRY. THE AMBASSADOR STATED THAT THE TRIP WOULD INCLUDE FIRST CLASS ACCOMMODATIONS ROUND-TRIP FLIGHTS AND ENTERTAINMENT AT ABSOLUTEMINIMUM COST. THE INVITATION DID NOT SPECIFICALLY INCLUDE WIVES.

2. AFTER THE MEETING I LISTENED AS SEVERAL AMBASSADORS MADE INQUIRIES ABOUT THE ARRANGEMENTS. THE PANAMAIAN AMABASSADOR EXPLAINED THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED THE INVITATION WITHTHE PANAMANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER WHO REQUESTED THAT HE ARRANGE THE VISIT FOR A DATE IN SEPTEMBER WHEN HE WOULD BE PRESENT IN THE COUNTRY AS HE PLANNED TO ATTEND

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THE OPENING OF UNGA.

THE PANAMANIAN AMBASSADOR
ADDED THAT THERE WOULD BE ONE OR TWO SOCIAL
EVENTS SPONSORED BY THE GOVERNMENT
WHERE THE AMBASSADORS WOULD HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY
TO MEET AND TALK WITH PRESIDENT LAKAS AND GENERAL
TORRIJOS. THE PANAMANIAN IMPLIED THAT THE ONLY
COST WOULD BE A VERY REDUCED RATE AT THE HOTEL
PANAMA.
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